

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the title “AGGREGATION SYSTEM” with the title --SECURELY AGGREGATING CONTENT ON A STORAGE DEVICE-- in line 2 on page 1 of the specification.

Please insert the heading “Background of the Invention” in line 3 on page 1 of the specification.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 29 and ending on page 3, line 8 as follows:

Under these circumstances, it is expected to distribute contents not only via the above-mentioned recording mediums like DVDs but also in other manners for increasing the commercial value of the contents. For example, it may be possible for a user to obtain, via the Internet, a sub content which is to be used in association with a content recorded on a recording medium like a DVD, record the sub content on another recording medium (a hard disk, a high-capacity memory card or the like, for example), and reproduce the content by associating it with the sub content recorded on ~~said~~ another recording medium.

Please replace the heading “Disclosure of Invention” with the heading --Summary of the Invention-- in line 21 on page 4 of the specification.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 9 and ending on page 6, line 1 as follows:

The aggregation apparatus according to the present invention is an aggregation apparatus for aggregating a main content recorded on a first recording medium and a sub content and recording the aggregated contents onto a second recording medium, wherein reproduction control information indicating whether or not reproduction of the main content is permitted is recorded on the first recording medium, and the aggregation apparatus comprises: a first obtainment unit operable to obtain the main content from the first recording medium; a second obtainment unit operable to obtain the sub content; a third obtainment unit operable to obtain the

reproduction control information from the first recording medium; a judgment unit operable to judge whether or not the reproduction control information is information indicating that reproduction of the main content is permitted; a recording unit operable to aggregate the main content and the sub content and record the aggregated contents onto the second recording medium, when the judgment unit judges that the reproduction control information is the information indicating that reproduction of the main content is permitted; and a changing unit operable to change the reproduction control information recorded on the first recording medium so that ~~said~~the reproduction control information indicates that reproduction of the main content is not permitted, in the case where the main content and the sub content are recorded onto the second recording medium by the recording unit.

Please replace the heading “Best Mode for Carrying out the Invention” with the heading --Detailed Description of the Invention-- in line 12 on page 12 of the specification.

Please amend the paragraph on page 30, line 21 as follows:

When an aggregation apparatus aggregates contents recorded on a plurality of recording mediums and records them onto another recording medium, this aggregation system 2 does not reproduce, after the aggregation, the contents which have been recorded on the source recording mediums and the contents aggregated and recorded onto ~~said~~ another recording medium at the same time.

Please amend the paragraph on page 32, line 10 as follows:

In other words, this aggregation system 2 is a system for protecting copyrights of contents by not reproducing contents recorded on a plurality of recording mediums and the contents aggregated and recorded onto another recording medium at the same time, after a user aggregates the contents recorded on the plurality of recording mediums and record them onto ~~said~~ another recording medium.

Please amend the paragraph on page 46, line 8 as follows:

When an aggregation apparatus aggregates contents recorded on a plurality of recording mediums and records them onto another recording medium, this aggregation system 3 aggregates

the contents and records them onto ~~said~~ another recording medium based on aggregation judgment information, managed by the content provider, indicating whether aggregation of the contents is permitted or not.

Please amend the paragraph on page 61, line 7 as follows:

When an aggregation apparatus aggregates contents recorded on a plurality of recording mediums and records them onto another recording medium, this aggregation system 4 limits the use of the contents recorded on ~~said~~ another recording medium.

Please amend the paragraph on page 71, line 21 as follows:

Thereby, the contents which are aggregated and recorded on another recording medium can only be reproduced within the predetermined number of uses. As a result, differently from the conventional techniques, the aggregation system 4 protects the copyrights of the contents by putting limitations on the uses of the contents which are recorded onto ~~said~~ another recording medium.

Please cancel the heading "Industrial Applicability" on page 80, line 10 of the specification.